



FY2006-07 Annual Work Plan

Spokane County Conservation District

June 17, 2005

Program Area: District Operations

Goal(s): By June 2010 we will develop a district program with defined funding and implementation mechanisms with public support to go before the county legislative body for approval.

Strategies:

Funding Source(s):

Activities for FY2006	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time(Days) Required	Estimated Funding
Have a resource inventory and assessment completed	Dec 2007	Consultant		
Define the geographic area where we will be working				
Develop program based on inventory needs of geographic area				

Program Area: District Operations

Goal(s): By 2010, we will have an infrastructure in place to support the functional areas and programs of the District.

Strategies:

Funding Source(s):

Activities for FY2006	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time(Days) Required	Estimated Funding
Assess all department workloads	Dec 2006			
Assess and upgrade facility and equipment	Dec 2006			
Hire at least 1 FTE for administrative support	Dec 2006			

Program Area: District Operations

Goal(s): By 2010, develop a vehicle replacement plan.

Strategies:

Funding Source(s):

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Activities for FY2006		Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time(Days) Required	Estimated Funding
Identify types of alternative energy vehicles available		Dec 2006			
Assess vehicle fleet condition					
Replace needed vehicles with alternative source vehicles					

Program Area: Forestry

Goal(s):

- By 2010, we will have in place a fully operational urban & rural forestry program including 3 or more FTE foresters.
- By 2010, expand the forestry department to include 1 additional FTE to work specifically with local urban/rural interface on fuel reduction and utilization projects to promote healthy forest initiatives through healthy forest demonstration site(s). This position would research and obtain specific grants in order to help financially facilitate these projects.
- By 2010, expand and improve the forestry website to include new and innovative programs and projects.
- By 2010, maintain all existing programs including providing technical assistance to all forest landowners who request it.

Strategies: have an urban/rural BMP forestry assistance program, fuel reduction assistance program, and a healthy forest demonstration site(s) in place.

Funding Source(s): City & County assessment funds, grants.

Activities for FY2006		Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time(Days) Required	Estimated Funding
Research and visit existing urban forestry programs in Western US to gather input for local programs.			AI		
Utilize input from local foresters to put together urban forestry program package to determine new forester hiring package.					
Interview and hire personnel as additional forestry programs are developed		June 2006	Rich, Vicki, AI		
Research locations and obtain permanent easements for healthy forest demonstration sites (North, South & City)		Dec 2006	Urban Forester(s)		
Prepare demo sites (clearing, cutting, planting, etc.) for viewing and tours		June 2007	Urban Forester(s)		
Fully operational urban forest assistance program and demo sites for healthy forest options and display with signs, etc.		June 2009	Urban Forester(s)		

Program Area: Production Agriculture**Goal(s):**

- By June 2010, 60% of the farmland in Spokane County will be in a direct seed system.

Strategies: SRF Program, Promotion of CSP**Funding Source(s):** SRF, Grant

Activities for FY2006	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time(Days) Required	Estimated Funding
Promote SRF, \$3.1 million in Spokane County and \$1 million in Whitman and Asotin Counties	Dec 2006	Ty	All	Lots
Sign MOU with Garfield County – Amend existing contracts to include them	Aug 2005	Ty	1 ½ months	
Plan two more conservation tillage tours	Dec 2006	Ty		

Program Area: Production Agriculture**Goal(s):**

- By June 2010 establish a viable oil seed crushing and biodiesel industry in Spokane County

Strategies: Continue with Palouse - Bio**Funding Source(s):** CEDS Grant

Activities for FY2006	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time(Days) Required	Estimated Funding
Continue to work on funding sources – CEDS process	Dec 2006	Ty		
Secure an advisory position on the Board of Palouse - Bio	Dec 2006	Ty		
Continue with education about bio-fuels and the role of oilseed crops in direct seed rotations	Dec 2006	Ty		
Pursue funding sources for alternative energy education	Dec 2006	Ty, Linda		

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Program Area: Soil Survey

Goal(s): By 2007, the Soil Survey will be completed.

Strategies:

Funding Source(s): Assessment of Spokane County

Activities for FY2006	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time(Days) Required	Estimated Funding
Follow the Soil Survey annual plan of operations for all aspects of soil survey technical work and management (aspects include mapping, manuscript, NASIS, database, QA)	Ongoing	Kyle Stephens		Spokane County Assessment
Amend MOU to include the City of Spokane	Dec 2005			
Achieve yearly mapping goals	Ongoing			

Program Area: Soil Survey

Goal(s): By 2010, the Spokane County Soil Survey digital document (electronic, maps, tables, inclusive) will be utilized in all planning aspects that cover the capacity of soil survey information.

Strategies:

Funding Source(s): Assessment of Spokane County

Activities for FY2006	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time(Days) Required	Estimated Funding
Educate users in Spokane County on the relevance and application of soil survey. (Includes geology, soils tours, IENRYC, workshops, website)				
Educate district employees on the application of soil survey to help their goals and plans				
Set up agreements with County and City planning and engineering departments for assistance in land-use	2007			

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planning			
Retain 2 FTEs post survey	2007		

Program Area: Water Resources

Goal(s):

- By 2010, SCCD will be the lead information source for watersheds in the County.

Strategies:

Funding Source(s):

Activities for FY2006	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time(Days) Required	Estimated Funding
Create a training schedule and annual budget for training	Dec 2006	Walt		
Secure funding to allow on-going data collection, monitoring, and pro-active research	Ongoing	Walt		
Disseminate information via the website and continue exposure through local town-hall meetings	Ongoing	Walt		
Continue operation and maintenance of gaging stations throughout the County	Ongoing	Rick		
Submit the Hangmand Creek watershed plan to County Commissioners for approval	June 2005	Walt		

Program Area: Water Resources

Goal(s):

- By 2010, all County streamside land occupiers receive information regarding riparian condition and function

Strategies:

Funding Source(s):

Activities for FY2006	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time(Days) Required	Estimated Funding
Create streamside welcome packages to new residents. Make available through title companies at the time of closing/signing	June 2007	Walt		
Provide all land occupiers a report of condition of their area using PFC	June 2007	Walt		

Obtain/purchase landowner database from County.	Dec 2005	Walt		
Update PWNQ database annually				
Utilize volunteer water resource program to get information out to land users	Dec 2005	Charlie, Dan		

Program Area: Water Resources

Goal(s): By 2010, 33% of Spokane County streamsidess will have riparian management plans.

Strategies:

Funding Source(s):

Activities for FY2006	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time(Days) Required	Estimated Funding
Prioritize areas and initiate contact where management plans are necessary	Oct 2005	Walt		
Identify current resource management plans that are in place	June 2005	Walt		
Create GIS map with all prioritization components	Dec 2005	Charlie, Jennifer G.		
Research policy for riparian easement through tax incentives	June 2005	Jim, Linda		

Program Area: Water Resources

Goal(s): By 2010, conduct TMDL on Hangman Creek watershed.

Strategies:

Funding Source(s):

Activities for FY2006	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time(Days) Required	Estimated Funding
Continue sampling and data collection of Hangman Creek	Apr 2005	Walt, Rick		

Program Area: Water Resources

Goal(s): By 2010, inventory, assess, and prioritize all riparian habitat along Spokane County perennial waterways.

Strategies:

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Funding Source(s):

Activities for FY2006	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time(Days) Required	Estimated Funding
Conduct PFC assessment throughout Spokane County on shorelines under local shoreline management programs.	Oct 2005	Walt		

Program Area: Water Resources

Goal(s): By 2010, complete water quality management plan for Little Spokane River watershed.

Strategies:**Funding Source(s):**

Activities for FY2006	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time(Days) Required	Estimated Funding
Develop water quality management plan	Oct 2005	Walt		
Assist W/SU with water quality sampling efforts on LSR	Feb 2006	Shallan, Charlie		
Develop and begin implementation of an education and outreach program in the LSR watershed	June 2005	Shallan, Linda		

Program Area: Water Resources

Goal(s): By 2010, submit the Hangman Creek watershed plan to County Commissioners for approval.

Strategies:**Funding Source(s):**

Activities for FY2006	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time(Days) Required	Estimated Funding
	July 2005	Walt		

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Goal(s): By 2010, continue monitoring water quality in the County

Strategies:

Funding Source(s):

Activities for FY2006	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time(Days) Required	Estimated Funding
Bi-monthly – w sites		Charlie, Dan		\$16,000

Program Area: Water Resources

Goal(s): By 2010, 40% of watershed residents are aware of watershed stewardship and their associated clean up plans.

Strategies:

Funding Source(s):

Activities for FY2006	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time(Days) Required	Estimated Funding
Partner with Direct Seed organizations (Ty)	Sept 2005	Ty, Rick	2-3 months	\$5,000
Host a green-carpet event	Nov 2006	Randy James, Linda, Walt	18 months	\$50,000
Outreach events, displays – face time materials	Ongoing		18 months	\$5,000
Partnering with schools – distribute info (several key schools)	Ongoing	Linda	18 months	\$10,000
Door to door flyer distribution utilizing well informed volunteers	2006-2007	Shallan, Rick		

Program Area: Public Outreach

Goal(s): By June 2010 we will have increased recognition of who we are and what we do with individuals, businesses, and organizations (use indicators for measures)

Strategies:

Funding Source(s):

Activities for FY2006	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time(Days) Required	Estimated Funding
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Update and implement new public outreach plan		Jim, Linda	
Develop new and improved "In Touch With Conservation" newsletter		Jim, Linda	
Update website and develop email "heads up" newsletter		Jim, Linda	
Participate in the planning of the 2005 annual meeting		Jim, Linda	
Participate in key staff meetings and district planning Sessions		Jim, Linda	

Program Area: Public Outreach

Goal(s):

- By June 2010 continue to provide advise and support for outreach efforts of all existing and new district programs

Strategies:

Funding Source(s):

Activities for FY2006	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time(Days) Required	Estimated Funding
Complete Near-Term 2005 work plan		Jim, Linda		
Continuously assess public outreach obligations of all grant projects		Jim, Linda		
Work with Water Resources department on training module video, powerpoint and other related needs		Jim, Linda		
Resource room – research grants, develop programs for use of room and design layout		Jim, Linda		
Develop streamside welcome package in conjunction with water resource program		Jim, Linda		

Program Area: Public Outreach

Goal(s): By June 2010 in cooperation with relevant agencies and educators design and implement conservation education program for adults and youth

Strategies:

Funding Source(s):

Activities for FY2006	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time(Days) Required	Estimated Funding
Conferences – participate in planning activities and advise and coordinate with district departments in their participation at events and conferences		Jim, Linda		
Participate in planning for Spokane Youth Education Conference		Jim, Linda		

Program Area: Public Outreach

Goal(s): By June 2010 establish and maintain effective working governmental relationships

Strategies:

Funding Source(s):

Activities for FY2006	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time(Days) Required	Estimated Funding
Develop and advocate for legislation that promotes biodiesel usage		Jim, Linda		
Research policy for riparian easement through tax incentives		Jim, Linda		
Promote concept of a fuel crop reserve program		Jim, Linda		
Participate in review of school bus biodiesel pilot program		Jim, Linda		
Develop greater cooperation among conservation districts and others in the promotion and implementation of on-farm energy production		Jim, Linda		

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Present long range plan to government entities within district boundaries	Jim, Linda		
Maintain district special assessment roll	Jim, Linda		

Innovations:

- Take the district off the "grid" and be energy independent – solar, windmill, biodiesel, etc
- Have a new district facility with the alternate energy, with model farm, recharge wetlands, biosolids, self sufficient
- Spokane Watershed Foundation formed to provide a legacy, incentives and funding to do activities
- District wide Resource Management Plan – client could click on their farm – lead to toolbox, appropriate program and technical assistance to address resource concerns
- Household conservation stewardship cost share program – new home construction, alternative energy sources, water conservation fixtures,
- Help fund these ideas – go with a holistic funding approach – educating our legislative body for funding – eg. conservation futures program – concentrating this funding need to a certain area, eg watershed
- Stats (white) sheet by department for talking points, cross training and information exchange
- Electronic "heads up" newsletter - internal